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In The Specification

In the specification on page 6, line 20^{NE}, after "needs.", please

insert the following: --The present method for determining SOC is disclosed

in United States patent 5,614,804, which is incorporated by reference herein.



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